War to Last One Year More, Believes Noted War Critic

John L. Balderston Sees No Point of Contact Between Alliances-Says Germans Trust Enemies Will Cease Offensive Efforts and Make Reasonable Peace.

By John L. Balderston

rar as any prediction concerning any men in the field, excepting boys who are future event can ever be made with certainty. It seems to me safe to state positively that the known factors of the situation make a conclusion of hostilities before September or October of next 1.700.000 men at 1.700 before September or October of next 1,700,000 men at full strength to the end year absolutely impossible. Personally, I think the war will last through the fourth winter and into 1918.

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An attempt will be made here to consider the military situation as a whole, to examine the broad tendencies which will bring their influence to bear on the future course of the war without attempting the impossible task of predicting the result of individual campaigns. On my arrival in America for the first time since the earlier phases of the war, I find among well-informed people a disposition to regard Germany as beaten, the struggle already decided and virtually concluded. These beliefs naturally lead them to expect Germany to throw up the sponge in the near future. They say they do not expect the war to last twill be prolonged beyond next year."

Viewpoint of Germans.

So much for the viewpoint of the allies. Intelligent German critics look at the same facts in this light:

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In the first place, let it be remembered that for the war to end Germany must be beaten or the allies persuaded that they that for the war to end Germany must be beaten or the allies persuaded that they cannot defeat Germany and must perforce accept a draw. Attention is concentrated at present on the entry into the war of Roumania, the prospect that Bulgaria and Turkey will be crushed. Russia installed at Constantinople, and later the military power of Austria-Hungary, completely broken down. These things may all happen in the 1917 campaign, although there is not enough time left before the snows block up the mountain passes in southeastern Europe for any of them to happen this year. I believe they will all happen, and that by the end of 1917 a complete victory of the entente allies will have been won—everywhere except on the main front against Germany. But the issue of these minor campaigns will affect the end of the war only as they tend to strengthen or weaken the position of Germany. If Germany can fight a defensive war successfully on her own frontiers, after her allies are beaten, the war will go on. There appears no insuperable reason, when Germany, when the war will go on. There appears no insuperable reason why Germany, when Austria is eventually knocked out, cannot, after shortening her other fronte, hold the vital gap at Cracow into the val-

to the skill and resourcefulness of the lengthsman believe the lies about our navy in developing new ways to trap the aggressive intentions any longer when he U-boats, and thanks above all to the knows that he himself is fighting not for morale of the merchant marine. Germany believed that if she could sink, say, ten desferoy us? In such an event, our soldlers and all our people would rise to drown a few thousand seamen, the crews of the other ships would become panic stricken and refuse to put to sea. This enemy would certainly decline. assumption has been proved unfounded, and there has never been any trouble, even when submarines were most plentiful, in getting crews. Of course the

portant aid of the United States. In the other all-important factor of land warfare—man power—the advantage is over-whelmingly with us and is increasing every day. Germany no longer has any strategic reserve of men left with which to undertake a great blow, and if Hindenburg wants to get such reserve he must shorten his fronts and so release men from the trench lines, an operation

An Unbiased Opinion.

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There will be, there can be, no peace in Europe before the end of the fourth campaigning season of the war. In so far as any prediction concerning any men in the field, excepting boys who are coming of age, while Russia be until the coming of age. without disaster. In any case, we already outnumber the Teutonic allies about five to three, counting only men is the field, excepting boys who are coming of age, while Russia has unlimited human material left and England has arranged matters so she can keep her field army of eighty-six divisions or averted beyond next year's campaign.

> "The Germans are not fools, and they know all these facts as well as we do. They must know that their position is hopeless, and that if they go on fighting they will not only lose more men and cripple themselves economically still more, but increase the severity of our terms. Therefore, they may at any time decide to surrender and stop the war, and it is possible that the conflict may and it is possible that the conflict may end very soon and most improbable that it will be prolonged beyond next year."

enemies until they realise they can never break through into the fatherland, and then they will stop and conclude a reason-able peace, which is all we ask. We admit our helplessness at sea for the present, although Zeppelins and submaas in the past. As for cotton, copper and certain chemicals, it is true that without these our enemies would be helpless, but German science, which leads the world. has been able to find substitutes where substitutes were needed, even to ley of the Oder and the mountainous, almost impenetrable, line across Bohemia to her own frontier of Bavaria. A successful defense of that line against a millian men could be undertaken with 150,000 troops, provided Cracow were held.

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Austria a Drawback.

There is no compulsion upon Germany to surrender to her enemies' terms if and when her allies are crushed, since so far from Austria and Turkey and Bulgaria helping Germany, it has been Germany who from the start has been compelled to furnish also true the discipline, organization and efficiency which enable us always to win our battles with anywhere near equality of force, are not confined to the military sphere, but apply in all branches of the national life. These things are the expression of the Germany soul, and nations without such a soul cannot expect to reach our standards.

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Having grasped the point that the war will go on until Germany is beaten or the allies convince themselves that they cannot beat her, regardless of the campaigns against other powers, let us consider the present military situation in its bearing on the duration of the war as viewed by both sides.

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the briefs put forward by both the allies and the Germans. Take, first, the claims put forward on behalf of the allies. It is true that the blockade is pinching Germany and that there seems no possibility that the German fleet can in the slightest degree relieve that blockade. The submarine policy has proved a relative failure, has had little effect on the major issues of the war, and it is highly improbable that any future submarine campaign will prove any more effective. The Zeppelins, from a military point of view, have been a joke. Shor age of raw materials is a serious handicap. The German high command has lost the initiative on the main fronts, and probably can major issues of the war, and it is highly improbable that any future submarine campaign will prove any more effective. The Zeppelins, from a military point of view, have been a joke. Shor age of raw materials is a serious handicap. The German high command has lost the initiative on the main fronts, and probably can never regain it. The allies have more men, and despite the straits of France men, and despite the straits of France the human reserves of Britain and Russia insure the allies a constantly growing superiority until the major to make yourself both seen and the collar links match the cuff links and sets for this purpose are to be had.

Neckwear.

The neckwear fashions for the season cover a wide variety of ideas. Almost all colors are shown and a great latitude is allowed in combining these colors to effect attractive color effects. Plaids to give you the touch of gayety, life and are very popular and next to these are effort to make yourself both seen and line.

In Germany's Favor. "On the other hand, two points of vital importance tell in favor of the Germans, and will increase in weight as time goes on. Disregarding the German obscssion about their national soul being better than those of other nations, it is true that morale, that imponderable factor which Napoleon said is more important than armies, is on their side. It is true that haif the strength of the British and French resistance, especially the French in the days when the Germans had the

material and numerical advantage, was due to the belief that Germany was wag-dding an aggressive war which would make life unbearable if she conquered. asy they do not expect the war to last through next winter, or, in any case, beyond next spring. It is to correct these profound misapprehensions that this article is written.

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Must Beat Germans. quest, whatever its cause and whoever they believed to blame. As they are forced back 'Der Wacht am Rhein' will come to have a new and literal meaning. the menace to the sacred soil of the fatheriand will steel every arm and nerve every brain. The French and British on the other hand will come to realize that however great a danger to their homes the German hordes may have been homes the German hordes may have been in 1914 and 1915, in 1917 all Germany asks is to be let alone to retire and lick her wounds. The politicians will tell them that unless they carry the war across the Rhine, Germany will strike again in twenty, thirty, fifty years. But no ordinary human being is willing to get himself massacred for the sake of his pos-

terity, and that argument wil inot weigh much with the masses. Defensive a Help.

"The second point in Germany's favor is not moral, but material. It consists in the advantage conferred by modern warfare on the side which stands upon the defensive. The concluding phase of the war will find Germany, her lines shortened, upon the defensive everywhere. The allies say they are fighting. arfare on the size and defensive. The concluding where the war will find Germany, her lines increased where. The allies say they are fighting a war of attrition, that they can swap lives until the German lines break. But with the soft and stiff collars will be worn whether a superiority in man power of two to one and a superiority of three or four to one in fire power can win this war. It may prove that on the defensive ten men with one gun can hold up thirty men with five guns, and if this be true Germany is unbeatable. There must be a limit somewhere to the material read in sources of the allies as well as to their man power and nerve, and while theorem the sources of the allies as well as to their man power and nerve, and while the other.

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Quite a smart idea is to have these

hundred thousand men, gaining no it takes until the German armies are thoroughly crushed and Germany compelled to accept our terms. Whether the war lasts until our troops enter German territory depends upon whether of Germany chooses to surrender unconditionally before the campaign goes that far. There are many angles to this war, and even when they are considered separately no hope appears for Germany in any one of them.

Helpless on Sea.

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"Finally, even assuming that they force us to refire on the main fronts, they can never enter Germany and defeat us. As the short of the main fronts, they can never enter Germany and defeat us. As the we should have sour positions will be more strongly held, more difficult to break and most importance.

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"On the sea, Germany is helpless; her should have shown marvelous spirit, we shouten our lines east or west, might precipitate a rout and the season of th breaking the line. Retirements may be forced, but to break through at one blow such a line as the Germans have constructed in France is about as practicable as to bridge the Atlantic. It is hard to make civilians see why this is true. My advice to skeptics is to go out and look at the German lines. Then they will understand.

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Dye Conditions Enforce More Conservatism in Haberdashery

seems to be no penuriousness of color treatments. Just why the haberdashers treatments. Just why the haberdashers have been so favored in the distribution of color materials is a dark mystery, but the solving, of this problem is not ours. That it has been solved is sufficient unto the situation and we are satisfied to accept it and "no questions asked." A clue may be found in the fact that the Laundrymen's National Association have resolved by Association have resolved not to be re-sponsible for any shirts fading in the wash and the haberdushers are standing 'pat" on their declaration not to guarantee any colors.

in their shirts and neckwear and the haberdashers, ever aiming to please, have seen to it that their desires be gratified with the best dyestuffs available. er of permanent or transitory colors.

To add to the desire for bold effects in shirts for this fall the designers have contributed their mite by decreeing heavy, wide stripes in bright, contrasting colors. This is not only true in the silk

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the spectrum and about every conceivable combination of colors that harmonize are seen employed in interspersing stripes of various dimensions.

Collars.

fall than they were this summer when they began to assert themselves. The textures for the most part will be light in weight, indicating that pongees and foulards will have the call over the heavier satins and corded silks. Knitted ties are very little shown. A pattern conception that is widely shown is that of very wide stripes interspersed with a number of hairline stripes all running diagonally across the fabric. and Paisley designs are also well repre-sented. The coin shot ideas are all in two-tone effects and popular combina-"pat" on their declaration not to guar-intee any colors.

However, men insist on lively effects in their shirts and neckwear and the integration of the integration of the integration of the natural part of the integration of the natural part of the gold ground, biue and brown on Alice blue. Shapes will be smaller and these ties are to be tied with fairly small knots. The exceedinly large flowing ends are not so much seen as the more conservative four-in-hand shapes

Bat-wing ties are very popular for this fall and winter. In fact bow ties of all kinds except the Windsor or large butterfly shapes. The Piping Rock tie with contributed their mite by decreeing heavy, wide stripes in bright, contrasting colors. This is not only true in the slik fabrics but also in the less expensive shirting materials such as the cambrics, madras, percales, and cheviots. Satin stripes and luster effects are very popular in the unstarched fabrics and these shirts are made chiefly in French cut style. Basket weave fabrics are also very popular for fall.

Just as fashionable for the season as the bold stripe effects are the solid colors. These are shown ir. silks, crepes, satins, sateens, mercerized fabrics and basket weave madras and cheviots. The principal colors are pink, light blue, apple green, lavender, helio, tan, and champagne. These are shown in French cut style, both soft and stiff. Cross bar patterns are not so strong as last season. Small floral and conventional designs are also quite popular mostly on white

There is very little to be said regard-In the striped patterns it would be fu-ling the hosiery fashions, inasmuch as tile to list the color variety. The colors this fall run almost the entire gamut of bellishments have the call. The favored colors are black, white, cream, sand color, champagne, tan, olive, dark green, navy blue, garnet, burgundy, amethyst, lavender, purple, helio, and grays in several shades. Of course, a few

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